

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 524

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to commend Jay Albertia for his distinguished service to Tennessee as 2013-2014 Civitan International President-Elect.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have provided distinguished service to the State; and

WHEREAS, the strength of this State and the sense of community shared by its citizenry is fostered by the State's Civitan clubs and the many individuals whose organizational motto is "Builders of Good Citizenship" via the Civitan clubs' projects and activities in communities, districts, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Civitan International's major emphasis is helping people with developmental disabilities; in partnership with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Civitan's flagship project has more than two hundred fifty scientists, faculty, clinicians, physicians, and staff involved in studying causes, effects, and cures for developmental disabilities and other cognitive disorders such as autism, Down syndrome, and brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Civitan became the first service organization to open its membership to both men and women; today women make up over 45 percent of the membership and serve in all leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, Jay Albertia, an esteemed resident of Clarksville for many years and a member of the Clarksville Civitan Club, is the 2013-2014 President-Elect of Civitan International, which encompasses over 50,000 members in over 38 countries on four continents; and

WHEREAS, he has been Civitan International Senior Director, Region Six Director, and a member of Civitan International's Growth and Retention Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and the President's Council; and

WHEREAS, he has been a Distinguished Governor of Tennessee's Civitan Valley District on two separate occasions and also Valley District Foundation Trustee, Growth and Retention Chair, Special Olympics Chair, and Judge Advocate; and

WHEREAS, he is a Civitan International Certified Club Builder and Junior Civitan Club Builder, was Club Builder for five Civitan clubs in Tennessee, and has recruited 97 members into Civitan; and

WHEREAS, Jay Albertia is the recipient of many awards from Civitan International, Tennessee's Civitan Valley District, and the Clarksville Civitan Club, including International Honor Key, District Honor Key two times, Club Honor Key, International Top Recruiter, International Junior Fellow, and Valley District Fellow; and

WHEREAS, he is the Executive Director of Progressive Directions, a regional developmental disabilities agency, serving over 1,000 individuals and employing 300 staff; and

WHEREAS, Jay Albertia has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity and truly is an outstanding leader of Civitan, the preeminent international service organization through which men and women address local community needs through service and fundraising; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jay Albertia for his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and public service, and extend our gratitude for his contributions to the State of Tennessee as 2013-2014 President-Elect of Civitan International.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.